

ing, what is it? Connect it with what one of their great leaders in the North, J. Q. Adams, lately said, in an address to the young men of Boston, that "THE ANNEXATION OF TEXAS TO THIS UNION IS THE BLAST OF THE TRUMPET FOR A FOREIGN, CIVIL, SERVILE, AND INDIAN WAR."

We have been forced into this defence, by a proper sense of what was due to the honor and dignity of the Democratic party, whose organ we are. We had hoped that the ensuing election would have been permitted by our adversaries to take its accustomed quiet and peaceful course. We had hoped that they would have consented to address the people of North Carolina upon the great questions at issue between the parties, and particularly upon the Tariff, and the annexation of Texas—questions of such deep concern to the South; and at all events that they would have exerted their influence to restrain the public mind from any excesses of violence—not to exasperate and prepare it for revolution. But we say, and say it deliberately, too, that if revolution and violence must come, Democrats will be found battling for their country, its freedom, its laws and republican Constitutions, and resisting every and all treasonable efforts to overthrow them, by all the powers with which nature has endowed them.

This secret circular ought to caution the friends of good order and free government to be on their guard against false alarms, unfair means, and violence, on the day of election. Efforts may be made to drive Democrats from the polls. In the language of this circular "truth should be made known early, and falsehood only dreads examination." Beware then, fellow-citizens, of secret means to surprise your better judgments and to inflame your passions. There is much wisdom in the adage that "the greatest thief is apt to cry the loudest," and they who are ever ready to charge others ought most to be suspected.

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of North Carolina.

RALEIGH, Oct. 24, 1844.

#### Democrats! to the Rescue!!

Brethren of the Democratic party—Voters of North Carolina—the moment is at hand when you will be called on to exercise the highest privilege which is guaranteed to the citizen, under the free and enlightened Constitution with which Heaven has blessed our Republic. The hour is but distant a few days, when you will be called upon to determine, whether the affairs of this great and happy country will be administered according to the spirit and the maxims of the sages and patriots who framed that sacred instrument for us; or, whether those affairs will be administered by the leaders of a party whose measures and principles not only have nothing in common with the interests, the wishes, and the desires of the great masses of the people, but which are at war with every feature of that Constitution, which it should be the highest pride and the first wish of every North Carolinian's heart to see handed down to his children and his children's children, in all its pristine length and breadth, unmutated and untouched by the reckless and unholy hand of ambition. The hour is now upon you, freemen of North Carolina, in all its vast responsibilities. Can there be a doubt how these responsibilities will be discharged by you? What are some of these responsibilities? In the first place, you will be called on to say whether you desire to have saddled

upon this country, for the next thirty years, a National Bank—a Fifty Million Monster—for which, it is agreed on all hands, we have no more use, as far as our currency is concerned, than for the Inquisition of Spain, but for which the Federal party, who desire to see the monied interests, the wealthy, the capitalists, made still more powerful at the expense of the INTERESTS and the RIGHTS of the great masses of the people, are struggling with a desperation which clearly demonstrates that it is their last—their dying effort. Democrats of North Carolina! we say to you, **COME TO THE RESCUE!!**

and assist your brethren throughout the Union, in affixing the seal of condemnation upon this attempt of the Federal party to betray your liberties into the hands of the money broker and the money changer. Democrats of North Carolina, who sustained Gen. Jackson in his contests with the late Bank of the United States, rise up in your majesty, on the 4th of November next, and shew the world by your votes, that now, as then, you repudiate alike a National Bank, alias, a National incubus on your liberty, and its hired subsidized minions.

But again: You will be called upon to say, whether you desire to see the General Government, which was instituted for the common welfare and the common protection of all sections of the Union, and all classes of its citizens, without any regard to birth or occupation, turned permanently into a party engine, the machinery of which will be constantly employed in abstracting from the pockets of the great working masses of the people their hard earnings, for the purpose of enabling a few thousands of wealthy capitalists to rival, in the splendour of their princely mansions and their costly equipages, the lordly aristocrats of Great Britain. You will be called upon to say, whether you want to see fixed on this country a plundering, protective Tariff system, which compels the farmers and mechanics of our country to pay exorbitant prices for every thing they want to buy, and which depreciates the price of every thing they have to sell.

Still again; you must now, at the ballot-box, say to the world, whether or not our glorious Constitution, the sacred charter of our liberties, is to be robbed and despoiled of one of its most salutary clauses—whether or not that feature in it which can alone protect the South from the insane and fanatical attacks of the Giddings, the Slades, and the Adams's of the North, is to be swept from its pages, at the bidding of an ambitious Dictator, merely because it happened to cross the path of his unholy ambition. In a word, you are now called on to say, whether you wish that your general government shall be turned into a strong and splendid but unequal and oppressive one in its operations; or, whether you desire to see it administered in accordance with the spirit and the letter of a written Constitution. Freemen of North Carolina! can there be a doubt about the course you will pursue?

#### HENRY CLAY,

the leader of the Federal party, goes for each and every one of those measures whose destructive tendency to your best interests we have been describing. Can you vote for him? NO! Patriotism, self-interest, conscience—all—all, combine to make you answer NO! On the other hand, the Democratic candidate

#### JAMES K. POLK,

has ever been, whether in the private walks of life, in the Executive Chair, or in the Council Chambers of the Nation, the firm, consistent and sympathising friend of the real people. His feelings, his wishes and his aspirations, from the first moment he entered on his public career, have ever jumped in perfect unison with the best interests of the whole country and of every grade and every class of its citizens. Will you not, then, make it your especial duty to go to the Polls on the FOURTH OF NOVEMBER NEXT! and assist in

swelling the glorious triumph which the pure principles of Democracy are then destined to achieve? Surely there is not a man in North Carolina, who has one spark of patriotism in his bosom, who will not only be there himself, but who will exercise every honorable means in his power to bring others there too.

#### READ BEFORE YOU VOTE!

Voters of North Carolina, we ask you to read the following declaration of Mr. Clay himself, on the operation of the Tariff, before you cast your votes:—

LOWNDES, Oct. 2, 1844.

Dear Sir: The declaration which I heard Col. Preston make, was to this effect: That, at the White Sulphur Springs, in Virginia, MR. CLAY DECLARED, THAT IT WAS TRUE, CONGRESS COULD NOT FREE OUR SLAVES, BUT THAT THEY COULD, BY HIGH DUTIES ON IMPORTS, MAKE THEM SO VALUELESS, THAT, IF THEY DID NOT RUN AWAY FROM US, WE SHOULD BE GLAD TO RUN AWAY FROM THEM; AND THAT THAT WAS THE GREAT OBJECT OF THE TARIFF SYSTEM.

This declaration was made by Col. Preston in the Fall and Winter, I think, of 1831, and Mr. Clay's remarks were made that summer. Col. Preston repeatedly made the same declaration, publicly and privately. Col. Clifton, of Dallas, Dr. Lawrence, of this county, Whigs, and Rob't Rives and Reuben House, of this county, Democrats—heard Col. Preston make the same declaration, some of them like myself, repeatedly. Yours, truly,

R. P. McCORD.

B. A. REYNOLDS, Esq.

Never did man speak more truly than Mr. Clay did when he uttered the above words. Can it be believed that the same man who spoke these words, is the man whom the Federal leaders in North Carolina, are moving heaven and earth to elevate to the Presidential chair. Yes, fellow-citizens, the leaders of that party following the blind lead of a single man—reckless of the weal of their country—reckless of the vital stab which the South must receive, should Henry Clay be elected through the continuance of the Tariff act of '42; reckless of every thing but success—are spending their MONEY, time, and talents, to seduce the farmers of our country, to arrange themselves under the standard of their hereditary enemies.

Voters of North Carolina, what can you expect from a man who would but a few years ago tell you that a Protective Tariff would ruin you—would make you RUN AWAY FROM YOUR NEGROES because they would be UTTERLY VALUELESS; and who now glories in being called the Father of that same ruinous system, simply because he thinks it will secure for him the support of the Northern Capitalists.

People of North Carolina, we ask you again, can you vote for such a man? Open your eyes—look calmly at this matter, and ask yourself this question, and we think you cannot but answer it in the right way—that is in the negative.

#### CAN YOU VOTE FOR HIM?

REMEMBER, that should Henry Clay be elected, we will have A HIGH PROTECTIVE TARIFF, which drains the pockets of the South to enrich a FACTION at the North.

REMEMBER, that if Henry Clay is elected, we will have A NATIONAL BANK—an institution which all experience teaches us cannot fail to sap the free institutions of our country—an institution which, in '32, '33 and '34, waged war against the Government itself, and an institution which is sought to be fixed on our country, because, say its advocates, ENGLAND HAS HER NATIONAL BANK, AND WE TOO OUGHT TO HAVE A NATIONAL BANK."

REMEMBER, that if Henry Clay is elected, OUR CONSTITUTION, purchased and cemented by the blood of our ancestors, will be stripped of one of its most salutary features—the VETO POWER: and that, too, merely because it happens to come in collision with the "moon

reaching" ambition of one man—Clay.

REMEMBER, that if Henry Clay is elected, the Territory of TEXAS, the annexation of which to this country, the most sagacious and the distinguished military intellects of this country have declared to be essential to the future safety of the South and South West, WILL BE FORGOTTEN AND LOST TO US, and that England, our secret and bitter foe, will be virtually in possession of it.

REMEMBER, lastly, that Henry Clay is a man, the whole history of whose life "tells the story" that he has NO PRINCIPLES, save those which are dictated by self-interest—that he is a politician—that as such he has CONCERNED HIMSELF WITH THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE ABOLITIONISTS OF THE NORTH—your fanatical enemies. Then we would ask, where is the North Carolinian, whose mind is not blinded by party prejudice, who can vote for such a man?

Democrats, we cannot quit without saying one word to you—

Let not a single vote remain away from the polls, on MONDAY NEXT—let that no fraudulent votes be given. EVERY MAN DO HIS DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY, and the good old State will give the same verdict she gave in '32, when she so triumphantly elected GEN. JACKSON and repudiated the National Bank.

DO YOUR DUTY! GO TO THE POLLS!! AND ALL WILL BE WELL!!!

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Let every voter have a Ticket. Be sure to examine it. See that it has the above names upon it, and no other.